

## II. REMARKS

### A. Newly added claims

In consonance with the agreement between Applicants and the Office regarding the co-pending U.S. patent applications related to this application, Applicants hereby join following claims from their related applications into the instant application, corresponding to the new claim numbers in the instant application.

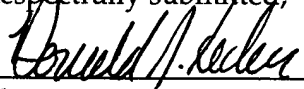
| Application<br>Serial No(s).<br>(Docket No.) | Claims                                       | Corresponding New<br>Claim Nos. in the<br>Instant Application |
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| 08/488,620<br>(05634.0354)                   | 3-19<br>26<br>20-24<br>27<br><u>25</u><br>28 | 17-33<br>34<br>35-39<br>40<br><u>41</u><br>42                 |

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Correspondingly, the above listed Application Serial No(s). have been abandoned and/or the claims corresponding to these applications(s) have been cancelled. Applicants request that presently added claims 17-42 be examined along with presently pending claims 2-16.

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